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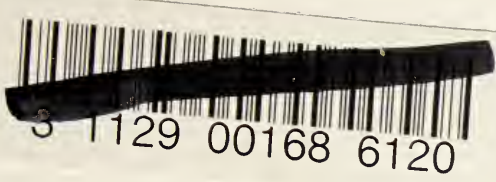
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ABOUT THE COMMISSION

MEMBERSHIP

The Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation is a bipartisan legislative commission composed of 27 legislative and executive members and a professional staff which provides intergovernmental services to members of the Illinois General Assembly.

MANDATE

The Illinois General Assembly established the Commission in 1937 to:

- Represent Illinois as a member of the Council of State Governments;
- Assist members of the General Assembly and other state officials in maintaining communication with federal and local officials;
- Promote cooperation between the state and other units of government by review of the adoption, use, and operation of compacts, and uniform or reciprocal laws, rules, and regulations, as well as informal intergovernmental agreements; and
- Facilitate the interchange of information and research.

Legislation passed in 1969 and 1977 established the Commission as "*the information center for the General Assembly in the field of federal-state relations*" and as a State Central Information Reception Agency for the purpose of receiving information from federal agencies" under the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-98 and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular TC-1082. In this capacity, the Commission:

- Compiles and maintains current information on available and pending federal programs;
- Analyzes the relationship of federal programs with state and local programs and the impact of the federal aid on Illinois;
- Reports annually and makes recommendations on the adequacy of programs financed by federal aid; and
- Gathers information on federal grant-in-aid legislation from the Illinois Bureau of the Budget and State of Illinois offices in Washington, D.C.

The Commission also is required to cooperate with the Bureau of the Budget in "developing forms and identifying number systems for the documentation of applications, awards, receipts, and expenditures of federal funds by State agencies;" and receives from the Bureau "copies of reports of applications and awards of federal funds by State agencies, and changes in such awards and applications." This *federal aid tracking system* supplies monthly information on federal grant applications and awards to the Governor and the General Assembly.

COMMISSION SERVICES

LIAISON

The Commission and its staff provide assistance to any member of the General Assembly or through him, directly to local government officials, on any problem with federal programs, federal grants-in-aid, state agencies, state programs, or any other intergovernmental issues. Commission staff maintain contacts with state agencies, the Governor's Office, and representatives of local government,

such as the Municipal League. Through its membership in the Council of State Governments, the Commission maintains contact with legislators and other public officials in all 50 states.

RESEARCH

One of the most important ongoing activities of the Commission is the *evaluation of federal programs* and their use by State agencies. Since 1973, 64 research memoranda have been published on subjects such as Title XX, unemployment compensation, federal housing programs, and CETA legislation.

The Commission staff also undertakes *short-term research* on intergovernmental problems at the request of any legislator: for example, analysis of federal policy, budget, law, or rules and regulations; interstate programs; state aid to local government; state and local planning; and activities in other states.

Since 1975, the Commission has published *Federal Aid to Illinois State Agencies*. This report details information on the receipt and expenditure of federal funds during the preceding and current fiscal years.

INFORMATION

The Commission maintains a library of information on current and past federal legislation; rules, regulations, operations, and composition of the various federal agencies; reports by Washington-based public interest organizations covering a wide variety of subjects; reports by congressional committees; conference reports; and lists of whom to contact for information in Washington and in federal regional offices.

ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

The Commission undertakes research and publishes reports on a variety of subjects in addition to providing short-term research and intergovernmental liaison services. Among some of our current and past research and activities are the following:

- Federal Aid to Illinois State Agencies
- Federal Aid Handbook
- Analysis of New Federal Laws
 - Revenue Sharing
 - Social Security Amendments
 - Public Works Employment Act of 1976
- Federal, State and Local Programs for the Aged
- Illinois and the Interstate Compact
- Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Illinois
 - Local Government Information System
 - Local Government Finance and Revenue Sharing
 - Local Government Accounting, Auditing and Reporting
- Federal Aid Programs Assisting Local Governments
 - Sewer Systems
 - Public Works Grants
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Transportation Programs
- Effective Property Tax Rates in Illinois
- The Appropriation and Control of Federal Funds
- Federal Information Library
- State and Federal Agency Liaison
- Computer Program Development (PLATO) in collaboration with the University of Illinois and LIS

CHICAGO METRO-FACTS

HOUSEINTRO (An Introduction to the Illinois General Assembly)

FINANCE (An Introduction to Illinois State Finance and Budgeting)

FORMULA (An Introduction to State and Federal Program Funding Formulas)

SHELTER (An Introduction to Illinois Housing Conditions and Issues)

STATEHOUSE (A Demonstration of the Legislative Process Through Simulation Techniques)

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